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SUBJECT - JULY 1978 CAFTURE OF THREE AMERICAN PRISCHERS OF

WAR IN KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE OF CAMBODIA

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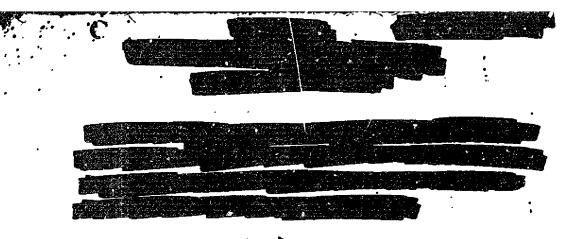
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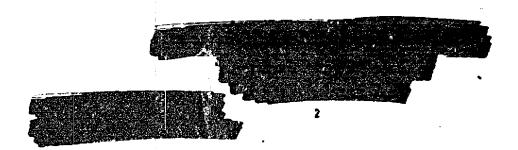
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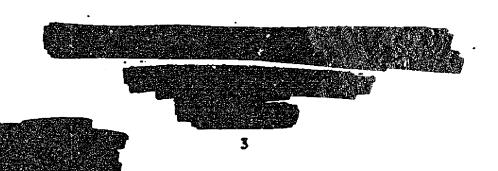
- 1. THREE AMERICAN SOLDIERS, WHO MERE CAPTURED IN JULY 1972
 BY VIET CONG (VC) TROOPS SOUTH OF PREAM FONCEA VILLAGE (MV 6967)
 IN KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE OF SOUTHEASTERN CAMBODIA. NORE TAKEN
 TO CHHLONG DISTRICT IN KRATIE PROVINCE FOR DETENTION. THE
 THREE MEN WERE CAPTURED WHEN A MELICOPTER CARRYING SEVEN AMERICAN
 ECLDIERS MAS SHOT DOWN NEAR PREAM PONCEA. THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS.
 ARMED WITH M-16 RIFLES. REFUSED TO SURRENDER TO THE VC AND A FIREFIGHT ENSUED. FOUR OF THE AMERICANS HERE KILLED AND THE CTHER
 THREE MERE TAKEN CAPTIVE. COMMENT: THE RALLIER DID NOT
 KNOW WHAT MAPPENED TO THE ECDIES OF THE FOUR DEAD AMERICANS.)
- 2. THE THREE CAPTURED AMERICANS WERE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
 A SLACK SOLDIER, APPROXIMATELY 1:70 HETERS TALL: ABOUT 25 YEARS
 OLD AND WITH CURLY BLACK MAIP! A WHITE SOLDIER, APPROXIMATELY
 1.75 METERS TALL: ABOUT 28 YEARS OLD AND WITH BLOND MAIR! A WHITE





BOLDIER APPROXIMATELY 1.75 METERS TALL. ABOUT SC TELRS GLD AND WITH BLOND WATE.

- J', ONE OF THE VC SCEDIERS, NAMED A N H, SAID THAT THE VC DID NOT INTEND TO KILL THE SEVEN AMERICANS, BUT RATHER WISHEL TO TAKE EACH AS A PRISONER. ANN ADDED THAT THE THREE WHO WERE CAPTURED WOULD NOT BE KILLED BECAUSE THEY WIRE CONSIDERED INJURERS OF WAR.
- WHICH HAD FLOWN IN THE AREA OF TEXHOR VILLAGE (COORDINATES UNKNOWN) EARLIER IN THE DAY.
- 5. (FIELD COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATES THIS REPORT AS FOLLOWS:
- "A. THIS REPORT PROBABLY DESCRIBES THE INCIDENT INVOLVING A UHIH DOWNED ON 2 MAY 1970 WITH EIGHT PERSONS ON BOARD. OF THE EIGHT PERSONS, ONE MANAGED TO ESCAPE AND RETURN TO U.S. CONTROL. TWO WERE CAPTURED AND LATER RELEASED, TWO DIED IN CAPTIVITY, TWO ARE LISTED AS MISSING IN ACTION, AND ONE IS LISTED AS CAPTULED.
- OTHER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA MATCHES CLOSELY. THIS IS THE ONLY HELI-COPTER LOST IN CAMBODIA WITH SEVEN OR MORE PERSONS ON EGALD LOST





IN THE GENERAL VICINITY. A UNIT WAS LOST ON 24 MARCH 1970 IN THE YB GRID SQUARE. THIS AIRCRAFT WAS ON TIME WHITE IN THE AIR AND EXPLODED UPON IMPACT. ON THE SCENE EYEMITNESSES LETORTED TRAT THERE WAS NO SIGN OF LIFE OBSERVED AFTER THE CRASH. ALL OTHER MALICOPTER LOSSES IN CAMBODIA LISTED IN JORG RECORDS HAD FIVE OR LESS PLESONNEL ON BOARD.

